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came from, but down here in eastern Nebraska. Since Senator Chambers and I have about used our three times here, I likewise am going to back up and reiterate some of what we said before. We are currently offering an 87 octane no lead in Nebraska, and 89 octane-blended, and most stations of major companies, 91 octane and that...that is typical. I know that we've negotiated with Amoco, Conoco, Texaco, Phillips and Total, one on one, and they all required the retailers to sell three grades of gasoline, that being 91, 89-blended and 87. And in our case, it's a eight...or a seven-year contract. So that was part of the deal. When you take on these major brands and fly their flag, those companies that we negotiated with all required three products be sold...be offered and, see, I think what we're pointed at here with LB 75 is what we talked about earlier is the bottom 30 percent of the marketers, and I should probably photocopy this off and put on each senator's desk, I probably should do that and I probably will, they have less than 1 percent of the total volume in the state of Nebraska. I'm not sure it's worth a shell shooting at them to say, okay, you're going to...you're going to offer ethanol, and when they sell less than 1 percent of the total volume, you appeal in the state in the state. That goes back to the graph we started with, and I've lost track of time on this bill, too, we've been on it parts of days now for, I think, three days. This original graph I passed out, there's 13.71 percent of the marketers in this state sell 74.83 percent of the fuel. And those, for the most part, obviously they're the high volume people, they're the major...major oil company representatives' dealerships, retailers, that do that, and they are, as I just mentioned, required to carry three grades of gasoline. So all I can see that this bill is going to do, if it should be passed in its present form, would be to put Nebraska in a real sorry situation requiring ethanol be offered at the lowest octane when the pipeliners have said they don't have the facilities. It's going to take them a couple of years to even run through the cost/benefit analysis and see whether it's something they want to do, add to their pipeline...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: ...terminal facilities. One minute?